

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

For years the fall hound season has overlapped general and LE elk and deer hunts. I have personally been affected by this and have videos of bears being chased by dogs right underneath me and my tree stand, ruining the hunt. This has occurred every single year for as long as I've hunted (20+ years). Twice now I've been lucky enough to draw LE elk tags on the San Juan unit. Each time I've had my hunt ruined by dogs chasing bears and scaring everything else out of the territory. It's one thing to have a general deer season hunt ruined, but when a guy has years worth of points saved up for a LE hunt, only to have it ruined by dogs chasing bears, it's very devastating. Please consider changing the fall hound hunt season dates to NOT overlap other hunts.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Administrative Rules R657-70 and R657-19? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the black bear management plan, Administrative Rule R657-33 and the 2023 hunts? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes? The use of a barrel would be awesome. It's about time you got ride of the overlap with bait and dogs.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2023–24 furbearer recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the furbearer recommendations? We should be able to trap mountain lions. It's very dangerous to try to release one alive, you have the spot and stalk tags so we should be able to shoot a lion in a trap with one of those tags.

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Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended black bear changes?

I have 10 bear points and should draw out on my first bear tag next year. I plan on hunting over bait as I don't have the funds to hire dogs. I'm a little disappointed to see the dogs get the two best times to hunt when bear furs tend to be best (Spring and Fall) while the only baiting is summer (May to June). It seems like these changes benefit one specific target group (guides with dogs) instead of the majority general public. If the fall hunt was bait only, then there would be no over lap issues with dogs interfering with other hunts (specifically archery).

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Neither agree nor disagree

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Over all I like the proposed changes for the upcoming bear seasons. What I do have a concern with is getting rid of the baiting season for the fall hunts. I understand that there can be some conflict in the fall with hounds but I don't feel it is enough to get rid of baiting all together. My concern is that sportsmen that bait bears can do it all on their own. They don't need to hire, or be friends with, someone that has hounds. This is literally a hunt that anyone can do, not just a select few that have hounds. Hound hunters already have the spring bear season, the summer pursuit season and the falls seasons as well as lion season all winter and spring. I feel it's wrong to take a season from the DIY sportsmen. I would propose that the Bait hunt in the fall be the month of September when the hounds are not allowed to run because of the conflicts with the archery hunters. This seems like a no-brainer to me. Just let them bait when the hounds aren't in the field.

If for some reason we don't have a fall bait season then I propose that 50% of the fall permits go into the Summer bait season so that DIY sportsmen don't lose out on that opportunity.

I strongly agree with sharing another hunters bait sites with their permission.
